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917th Wing pays tribute



Brig. Gen. Jack C. Ihle
Commander
917th Wing

First, I would like to thank our Family Day and Golf Tournament committees for a fantastic job of planning and coordinating our Family Day activities. Both were a tremendous success, and I think our families had a great time. It took a lot of hard work from many unit members to pull it off. Thanks to all.

I was also happy to see that our folks acted responsibly when it came to drinking. We did have one minor incident, but I think the two involved, Boudreaux and Thibodeaux, handled it very well. Seems they were driving home, happily drinking from their six-pack when Boudreaux looks up and says, "Look down there Thibodeaux. Dat be the po-leece roadblock and they are gonna catch us

drinkin." "Naw they won't, do just what I told you to do," Thibodeaux warns. "Chug dat beer, pull off the label, and stick the bottle under the seat. Then you stick that label on your forehead." Boudreaux did exactly what Thibodeaux said as they came to the roadblock. The policeman walks up to the car, sees the beer labels stuck on their foreheads and asks, "You boys been drinking?" "No sir," Thibodeaux declares. "We on the patch!"

During this month, we will celebrate Armed Forces Day. This year's theme is "United for Freedom," and was submitted to the Department of Defense by our own Master Sgt. Jessica D'Aurizio. Armed Forces Day this year will be especially meaningful as we have many Wing members actively involved in the War on Terrorism. Let's make sure we continue to take care of our deployed folks' family members during their absence.

We will also celebrate Memorial Day this month as we pay tribute to the Americans who gave their lives in past conflicts so that we may continue to enjoy our many freedoms. We realize how dear, yet fragile, those freedoms are this year more than ever. While we should honor these heroes every day for the contributions they made to secure our nation's freedoms, we should honor them especially on Memorial Day. We all must help salute our Armed Forces and remember our American heroes who made the ultimate sacrifice.

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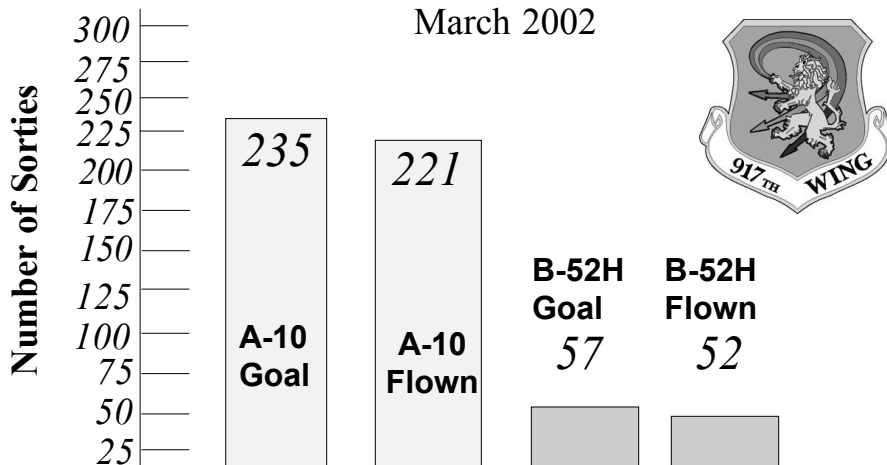
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AFRC Goal 65%

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Front Cover Photo:
Tyler Carpenter, son of Tech. Sgt. Deborah Suiter, 917th Maintenance Squadron, and student of Tech. Sgt. Mike, 93rd Bomb Squadron B-52 crew chief, demonstrates a Taekwondo green belt form, a move used as a defense against a possible three attackers. (Photo by Senior Airman Shannon Collins)

Retired enlisted people join Reserve wing, save Air Force money, bring experience

Story by Senior Airman Shannon Collins
Wing Public Affairs

Some Barksdale retired enlisted people have decided to step back into the blue and serve their country via the Air Force Reserve. Their reasons for returning are simple—patriotism and camaraderie.

"There are a lot of things I missed about being in the Air Force, the camaraderie, the sense of belonging, of being a part of something greater," said Master Sgt. Chuck Metz, 47th Fighter Squadron weapons loader, who retired from Barksdale's 96th Bomb Squadron. "I want to do my share in participating in national defense."

Master Sgt. Martin Wright, 917th Civil Engineer Squadron explosive ordnance disposal technician, returned to the military for similar reasons. He retired after 20 years of service four years ago, serving 13 years in Barksdale's EOD section. Though he said he missed the camaraderie and military family, he missed the mission the most.

"It's like being on the fire and police departments; it's a calling," said Wright. "When you do something you really love to do and enjoy being around your co-workers, it's great. We get to blow stuff up. What could be better than that? It's a blast."

Tech. Sgt. Bill Hannah, 47 FS A-10 crew chief, a native New Yorker, started his government service early. He served as an Eagle Scout, 20 years in the Air Force and now is a mail handler for the Shreveport Post Office.

"I've always felt patriotic," said Hannah. "I'm glad they let me come back in. I retired when I was 37, and back then, you couldn't return. There was a lot of talent they weren't letting in, and now they are. It's about time."

The Air Force saves millions of dollars and even more in experience through the Officer Return to Service and Voluntary Retired Enlisted Airman Extended Active Duty recall program.

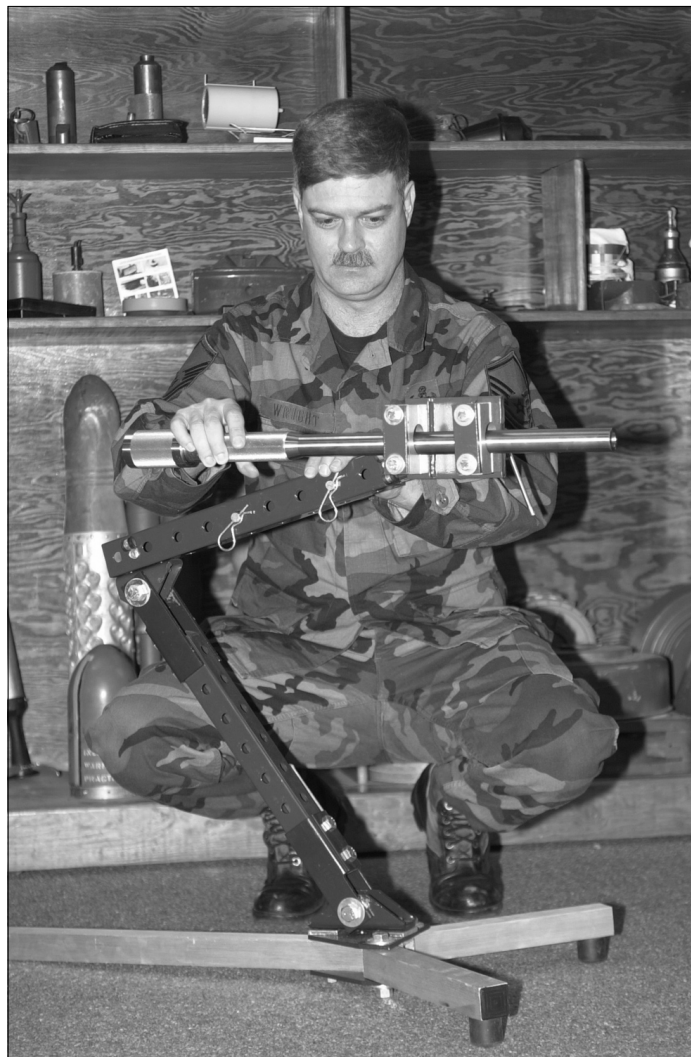


PHOTO BY SENIOR AIRMAN SHANNON COLLINS

Master Sgt. Martin Wright, 917th Civil Engineer Squadron explosive ordnance disposal technician, prepares a power actuated disrupter for use against an improvised explosive device as part of his training during the April unit training assembly.

This program is designed to offset the shortages of trained airmen in hard-to-fill skills. Airmen who retired from the regular Air Force within the past three years can serve in the Reserve for a period of two years under the current state of national emergency.

Approximately 600 retired personnel have inquired about returning, and around 100 met the criteria to return.

Chief Master Sgt. Larry Woods, 917th Wing recruiter, said four enlisted retirees have joined the 917th Wing this year.

For more information about these programs, visit the 917th Wing recruiters or call them at 456-9183, or visit the Air Force Personnel Center at the Web site <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil>.

In the news.....

Apply now for scholarship

The Chief Master Sgt. Cheryl T. Denson Foundation is taking applications for its annual \$500 academic scholarship. The scholarship will be awarded to a qualified applicant in September, the anniversary month of Denson's passing.

To be eligible for the scholarship, applicants must be a member of the 917th Wing or a dependent, and submit proof that they currently attend an accredited college full-time. An essay on the importance of community service will also be required. Paperwork must be turned in to the Education and Training Office no later than Aug. 15.

Scholarship applications are available at the Wing Education and Training Office, Bldg. 6803, Rm. 151. For more information, contact Senior Master Sgt. Margaret Mayweather at 456-9859.

Medical exam required for females

According to Air Force Pamphlet 48-133, all female personnel will undergo a breast and pelvic examination with pap smear annually. After three normal pap smears are obtained, the examination will only be required every two years.

A newly founded program, "Partners in Wellness," sponsored by Louisiana State University Medical Center-Shreveport, will do pap smears, pelvic exams and mammograms free-of-charge for anyone unable to pay for an exam.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, call Tech. Sgt. Briget Hall at 456-1389.

ACC Youth Golf program open to youth

Your child may be the next Tiger Woods, and the Barksdale Golf Course has a great way for you to find out. The first Air Combat Command Youth Golf Promotion is scheduled for June 17-28, and is open to all youth ages 8 and up. Entry fee is \$49.95 and includes five one-hour lessons, a set of starter clubs fitted especially for them, a U.S. Kids golf hat, a U.S. Kids T-shirt and an end-of-program parent/child tournament. For more information, call the golf course at 456-2263.

Career Advisor position available

The 917th Logistics Group is looking for a new career advisor. Anyone interested in the position needs to fax a resume to 456-9061 no later than close of business on June 9.

Interviews will be conducted July 13-14, with a projected start date being the August UTA.

For more information, contact Capt. John Snowman at 456-9071 or Lt. Col. George Pierce at 456-9224.

Medical holds malaria briefing

All personnel who have deployed to Guatemala within the last year must report to the base theater on Sunday, May 5, at 9 a.m., for a mandatory malaria briefing. For more information, contact Tech. Sgt. Briget Hall at 456-1389.

Know your mask intimately

If you are in a mobility position, you must be issued an MCU 2-A/P mask and be properly fitted for it. To schedule an appointment, call Senior Master Sgt. Bob Even at 456-9169.

STARBASE hosts summer camp

A fun time is guaranteed to all who participate in "FUNtastic Flights," a summer camp being hosted by STARBASE on June 24-28 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Activities will include chemistry, microscopy, computer applications, physics, geometry, art, puzzles and problem solving, all in an atmosphere that excites the mind.

Pre-registration begins May 13 at 7:30 a.m. For more information, contact STARBASE at 456-1300.

Montgomery G.I. Bill eligibility extended

With today's TEMPO, many reservists are balancing the increasing demands of their Reserve duty with their civilian jobs and families. The time to pursue an education becomes increasingly rare. Therefore, the length of time a reservist has to use the GI Bill has been extended from 10 to 14 years from the date of eligibility. For more information, contact Verendia Sanders at 456-9247.

Sign up for swimming lessons

Registration is available for swimming lessons every Thursday through May 23, from 1-4 p.m. at the Youth Center. Session dates are May 23 - June 13 and June 17 - July 1, with classes arranged by skill level. Parent and child classes are available as well as classes for more advanced swimmers. Cost is \$30 for the first child and \$25 for additional children in each family. Payment is due at the time of registration. For more information, call 456-3426.

Procedures change for Montgomery G.I. Bill recipients

Beginning June 1, members receiving the Reserve MGIB will be required to call in monthly at 1-877-823-2378 to verify total semester hours currently being taken. If member fails to call in, their benefits will not be released to them. For more information, contact Verendia Sanders at 456-9247.

League of United Latin American Citizens

invites Barksdale Air Force Base to

enjoy three days of

fun and excitement at the

Downtown

Festival Plaza

on May 3-5 to

celebrate Latin-

American

heritage.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Jorge Feliciano at 456-9488.



ESGR awards employers

Story by Tech. Sgt. Diana Perusin
Wing Public Affairs

The 917th Logistics Support Squadron recently showed its appreciation to Ben Storey, supervisor of roads and grounds, Red River Army Depot, Texarkana, Texas, by presenting him with the "My Boss is a Patriot" certificate of appreciation award. Storey employs Tech. Sgt. Stephen Harris, vehicle operator for the 917 LSS.

The Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve award is one of four awards given by the Secretary of Defense through the ESGR Association. The organization was created in 1972 to promote cooperation and understanding between reserve component members and their civilian employers and to assist in the resolution of conflicts arising from an employee's military commitment.

The Department of Defense tasks ESGR to "...promote both public and private understanding of the National Guard and Reserve in order to gain U.S. employer and community support through programs and personnel policies and practices that shall encourage employee and citizen participation in National Guard and Reserve programs."

ESGR not only protects the military member, but also awards the employer for outstanding support of the Guard and

Reserve. There are four levels of awards available:

- "My Boss is a Patriot" Certificate of Appreciation - ESGR awards this certificate and a patriot lapel pin to all employers who are nominated by their employee.

- Local ESGR Committee Chair's Award - This award is given in limited numbers and presented annually by each ESGR Committee. It is designed to recognize employers who have gone above and beyond the legal requirements for granting leave for military duty.

- Pro Patria Award - awarded to employers who demonstrate exceptional support for our national defense by adopting personnel policies that make it easier for employees to participate in the Guard and Reserve. Each committee may only award one per year.

- Employer Support Freedom Award - This award is the most prestigious and is presented annually to the employer by the Secretary of Defense. It recognizes unique support to Guard and Reserve members. The award is presented at a ceremony held each November.

Any Guard or Reserve member may nominate an employer for awards by filling out a short form found on the ESGR Web site <http://www.esgr.org/about.html> or by calling 1-800 336-4590.

Reservists join 917th Wing

Fourteen new reservists joined the 917th Wing. They will attend the newcomers' briefing and then join their respective squadrons.

47th Fighter Squadron

Maj. James Marks, Jr., Naperville, Ill.

Maj. John Russell, Columbus, Ms.

93rd Bomb Squadron

Senior Airman Eddie Kent, Jr.,

Blanchard, La.

Staff Sgt. Douglas Rupp, Bossier City, La.

917th Medical Squadron

Senior Airman Kay Lachney, Simpson, La.

917th Maintenance Squadron

Senior Airman Kelly Laplante, Cotton Valley, La.

917th Mission Support Squadron

Staff Sgt. Virginia Menagarcia,

Haughton, La.

Senior Airman Rodney Rollins, Shreveport, La.

Master Sgt. William Thorne, Bossier City, La.

917th Civil Engineer Squadron

Capt. John Farraro, Spring, Texas

Master Sgt. Dwain Gerace, Haughton, La.

Staff Sgt. Darren Mixon, Kilgore, Texas

307th RED HORSE Squadron

Staff Sgt. Paul Owen, Shreveport, La.

Capt. Charles Smith, Alexander, Ark.

Wing members recognized

The following Wing members were selected for promotion through the Promotion Enhancement Program.

Three people promoted to the rank of master sergeant are: **J.D. Shankle**, 47th Fighter Squadron, and **Richard Young** and **Karen Oakes**, 917th Maintenance Squadron.

Four people promoted to the rank of technical sergeant are: **Deborah Suiter** and **Brian McDaniel**, both from the 917 MXS, and **Elizabeth Paysinger** and **Kenneth Green**, both from the 47 FS.

Several Wing members have completed all requirements for their Community Col-

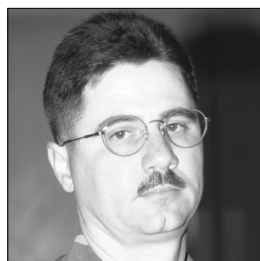
lege of the Air Force degree.

Those members are: Staff Sgt. **Darrel Gahagan**, 917th Medical Squadron, in Medical Laboratory Technology, Staff Sgt. **Robert Hall**, 47 FS, in Communications Applications, Tech. Sgt.

Apolina Lopez, 917th Civil Engineer Squadron, in Mechanical and Electrical Technology, Tech. Sgt. **Elizabeth Paysinger**, 47



Oakes



Young

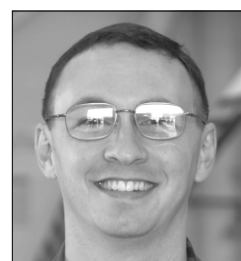
FS, in Information Management Technology, and Staff Sgt. **Curtis T. Stough**, 917 MXS, in Aviation Maintenance Technology.

A graduation for all CCAF graduates will take place May 23, at 7 p.m. in the Bossier City Civic Center.

Congratulations to all for a job well done.!



McDaniel



Shankle



Wendt selected for ACC team

Staff Sgt. Joshua Wendt, 917th Maintenance Squadron aerospace ground equipment mechanic, has been selected to represent the Air Combat Command at this year's Royal Air Force Challenge Cup golf tournament on May 4-18 at Langley Air Force Base, Va. Wendt is the first Air Force reservist ever to be selected to play on the team. (Photo by Senior Airman Sherri Savant)

The **Commander's Cup Golf Tournament** was a great success.

Winners of first, second, third and last place are as follows:

First place - Gary Smith, Jody Kaiser, Jeffery Faltys and Mr. Marshall

Second place - Eric Munson, Ray Williams, Kermit Morris and Allen Atkins

Third place - Sleepy Floyd, John Mooney, Larry Littrel and Steve Kirkpatrick

Last place - Wayne Ward, John Rivers, Ben Dorsey and Tony Pierce

The 917th Wing would like to once again thank all vendors who so graciously contributed to the tournament.



Emma Federweisch, daughter of Chief Master Sgt. Wayne Federweisch, applies face paint to the face of Cody Mellen, son of Tech. Sgt. Lynn Mellen, 917th Maintenance Squadron, during the 917th Maintenance Squadron Day festivities. The face-painting booth was one of several booths available.



Brig. Gen. Jack Mullen greets the crowd during the 917th Maintenance Squadron Day festivities. He was transported to the event by a vehicle operated by the 917th Maintenance Squadron.



PHOTO BY SENIOR AIRMAN SHANNON COLLINS

h, 93rd Bomb Squadron aircraft weapons systems supervisor, paints a
Maintenance Squadron munition systems mechanic, during the Family
available to Wing members to try various fun-filled activities.



PHOTO BY SENIOR AIRMAN SHANNON COLLINS

Lacy Rains, 10, daughter of Tech. Sgt. Kerry Rains, 917th
Maintenance Squadron jet engine mechanic, tosses the bean
bag hoping to make the hole at the Bean Bag Toss display.

Wing hosts Family Day 2002

... C. Ihle, Wing commander,
... at Family Day after being
... the hangar in a police car (in
... trooper First Class J.L. Farris,
... erator with the 917th Logistics



PHOTO BY SENIOR AIRMAN SHERRI SAVANT

Chief Master Sgt. Larry Payne, 917th Maintenance Squadron first
sergeant, is not at all happy after getting thrown in the 'big house.'



Staff Sgt. Santiago Grijalva, 917th Civil Engineer Squadron firefighter, removes a hose from the hose rack while preparing to respond to a call. Grijalva is one of several 917 CES firefighters currently deployed to Minot AFB, N.D.

917 CES firefighter helps save life

Story and photos by Senior Airman Sherri Savant
Wing Public Affairs

An asthmatic boy lies crumpled on the floor, unable to catch his breath. A call goes out to the Minot Air Force Base, N.D., Fire Department for help. Staff Sgt. Santiago Grijalva, a deployed firefighter from the 917th Civil Engineer Squadron, immediately responds with his team. It seems to take forever, but in twelve minutes Grijalva helps save the boy's life.

Grijalva is one of several firefighters deployed from Barksdale to Minot in support of Operation Noble Eagle.

"We got the call at about 8 or 9 p.m., that we had a young boy who was not breathing," Grijalva, who is also a civilian nurse, said. "The paramedics wanted someone to accompany them. My fire chief suggested I go because of my nursing experience."

"We got him in the truck," said Grijalva. "Dr. Agner, the doctor on board, asked if anyone could start intravenous fluids. I could, so I did. The next step was to intubate (stick a tube down the boy's throat and force air into his lungs.) His jaws were locked so this was impossible."

"I wasn't worried he would die," Grijalva said. "I was concerned about him getting oxygen to his brain, because he could suffer brain damage resulting in possible loss of some motor skills, like being able to walk." The boy arrived safely at the hospital and was then turned over to the hospital emergency team.

Grijalva recently completed his nursing degree in May 2001. After nursing for approximately six months, he and the other firefighters in the 917CES were called to duty. This was difficult

to deal with, he said.

A couple of things helped him cope, Grijalva said. "Getting a job as a nurse at Minot Trinity Hospital and knowing my fiancée, Gail, also a nurse, would give up everything to move here. Knowing Gail 'had my back' and getting to know the folks I work with here slowly turned my attitude about my situation around."

To Grijalva, taking care of people and making decisions that help others cope and feel better is very important. "If you can help in a little way as a nurse, it may make a big difference to you and to the patient later on in life," he said.

"Getting deployed, and being a firefighter and a nurse at the same time will enable me to cope better with unforeseen challenges," he said. "If I complete this challenge in life, I think I'll be able to do a lot more to help people later on in life."

Grijalva shovels snow off the front steps of the Minot firehouse, one of several required daily duties.



Firefighters deploy to Minot AFB

Story and photos by Senior Airman Sherri Savant
Wing Public Affairs

Firefighters from the 917th Civil Engineer Squadron were activated in late October 2001 and sent to Minot Air Force Base, N.D., to replace Minot active-duty firefighters who were deployed to a forward operating location.

The 917 CES firefighters will remain there no less than one year, perhaps longer, according to Chief Master Sgt. Jack Skaggs, 917th Wing command chief.

"It was a Godsend when these guys showed up at the front gate," said Lt. Col. Leslie Martin, 5th Support Group Commander, Minot AFB. "We were burning out our own folks. Now our team is a lot larger, and they are doing a great job."

Initial reactions to the activation were mixed according to Master Sgt. Jack Lanier, 917th CES firefighter and team chief for the deployment. "There was an adjustment factor and a lot of uncertainty," said Lanier. "You are uncertain of what you're supposed to do in a situation like this. The folks here quickly trained us as to how they operate."



Senior Airman Abraham Hobson assists Tech. Sgt. David Jackson, both firefighters with the 917th Civil Engineer Squadron, in making sure Jackson's self-contained breathing apparatus has adequate pressure. The SEBA provides firemen oxygen to breathe while fighting fires.

"They were trained fairly well when they got here," said Fire Chief Jim Clifford. "When they go home, they're going to be trained very well. We're making sure they get the schools they need just as if they were permanently assigned here."

The men work a 24-hour rotating shift, with three days off every other weekend. A typical day consists of a morning roll call where trucks and individual duties are assigned, and where training is given. At 4 p.m., the firefighters "go down" for the day, but remain ready to respond to any emergency.

Exercise is also required. "The Chief stresses that we are physically fit," said Tech. Sgt. Jimmy Mobley, 917 CES firefighter. "We have to exercise one hour each day."

A positive attitude is a must during this deployment, according to Staff Sgt. Jason Myers, 917 CES firefighter. "Being negative or depressed isn't going to change our predicament."

"We are very lucky," said Tech. Sgt. Eric Farquhar, 917 CES firefighter. "The people we work with, to include the fire chief, take care of us. They realize we are 1300 miles away from home, and try to support us in any way they can."



Staff Sgt. Jason Myers, firefighter with the 917 CES, removes a ladder from a fire truck while preparing to respond to a call.

Voices: If someone in your family was deployed, what would be the biggest adjustment you would have to make?



Deannette Davis, wife of Master Sgt. Curtis Davis, 47th Fighter Squadron

"I would have to take over paying the bills and support him while he was deployed."



Terrie Bretzman, wife of Master Sgt. Pete Bretzman, 917th Logistics Group

"Taking care of my horses. I do have neighbors who are always willing to help me."



Craig Ivy, husband of Tech. Sgt. Sonjia Ivy, 917th Security Forces Squadron

"Getting child care for the kids while I am at work."



Trenia Rains, wife of Tech. Sgt. Kerry Rains, 917th Maintenance Squadron

"I would miss him being there, as a friend and a leader in the church. Those are things I cannot replace."

"Whatever you think you'd like to be doing in your life or with your life, you ought to look in the mirror and be proud of what you are doing with it today. If you are wearing the uniform, there is no more noble cause or calling that could guide your life and your actions than what you are doing today and the nation needs us more than ever. I am proud to be wearing the uniform, and I hope you are too."

Gen. John P. Jumper
Air Force Chief of Staff

Dealing with Day-to-Day Problems Personal Coping Strategies

This is the first part in a two-part series on coping with stress.

**Story by Chaplain (Capt.) Ralph DeVaul
Wing Chaplain**

Significant world events such as the events of Sept. 11 have changed the way we view the world. As members of the 917th Wing, we have a lot more issues to deal with on a day-to-day basis. I find it worth mentioning that I have frequent talks with my 3-year-old granddaughter about "good people" versus "bad people" in relation to Sept. 11. On numerous occasions in my civilian world, I have written and talked about the effects of psychological and or emotional trauma. What follows are excerpts or thoughts from an earlier work (1997) on coping strategies.

Coping strategies are generally classified into three areas: personal, social and environmental. Coping strategies are viewed as resources tucked away in our "coping toolbox," often out of conscious view. When negative events occur, we respond in ways that protect our "sense of meaning," "values" or "beliefs" by going to these coping resources.

One of the most important resources in our personal coping toolbox "drawer" is our faith. For many of us, we acquire this faith at an early age and don't think much about it. Yet it lies often beneath the surface quietly working.

Our faith is one of the most powerful tools we have available in times of crisis. In times of need, turning to our faith can be the difference between viewing our situation as hopeless or seeing it as a temporary setback.

What's important is that we know that it is there, secondly that we use it and third, that our resources are not empty. The scriptures are full of examples of people turning to their faith in times of crisis. For example, in the Book of Hebrews (11:1-2) we read, "What is faith? It is the confident assurance that what we hope for going to happen. It is the evidence of things we cannot yet see." (emphasis added).

One good way to expand our personal "coping toolbox" is by making frequent deposits. These deposits come in the form of (1) a daily reflection or quiet time, (2) reading the Bible or other Sacred Scriptures, (3) prayer time (individual and family), (4) community worship, and (5) sharing our faith (hope) with someone in need.

Do not miss today by worrying about yesterday or tomorrow. For tomorrow has enough worries of its own. Remember! Life is a journey. Peace.

917th Wing Training Schedule

May 4-5, 2002

Time	Event	Location
Saturday		
0600	UTA prayer breakfast	Red River Inn Dining
0630-0700	Sign-in	Assigned unit
0700-1400	Immunizations	Base hospital, 1st floor
0700	Wing staff meeting	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 105
0700	Intro -- all newcomers	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 227
0730	Physical exam	Base hospital
0730-1000	Body fat measurement	Family practice
0730-1430	Eye-glass inserts	Bldg. 4845 (by hospital)
0745	Firearms training	Firing range
0800	Initial Warfare (appointment only)	Bldg. 4713, Rm. 329
0800 & 1300	Chem Warfare Refresher	Hangar 7
0800	Physicals (non-fly)	Base hospital
0900	Anti-terrorism training	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 227
0930 & 1030	Family readiness briefing	Bldg. 4713, Rm. 17
1000	Unit deployment managers	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 227
1000	First sergeants' meeting	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 105
1100-1200	Praise Team Rehearsal	MPF Auditorium
1200	Flightline drivers training	Bldg. 6825, Rm. 243
1300	Chem. Warfare Refresher	Hangar 7
1300	HRDC Meeting	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 105
1550-1615 Sign-out	1550--MXS 1600-CES, MSS, WG 1610--LG	
Sunday		
0630-0700	Sign in	Assigned Unit
0730	Information Management Training	Bldg. 4238, STARBASE
0730	Human Relations	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 227
0745	Firearms training	Firing range
0800-1000	Dental Class 3 profile reviews	Base dental clinic
0800-1300	Eye-glass inserts	Bldg. 4845 (by hospital)
0800	Initial Warfare (appointment only)	Bldg. 4713, Rm. 329
0800	Career advisor training	Bldg. 6815, T-Net
0800	Chem. Warfare Refresher	Hangar 7
0830	Substance Abuse	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 227
0900	Malaria Briefing	Base theater
0900	Catholic Mass	Base Chapel 2
0900	Unit advisory council	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 105
0945	EO First Duty Station Part 1	Bldg. 4714, 3rd Floor
1000-1030	Protestant services	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 227
1030	Family readiness briefing	Bldg. 4713, Rm. 17
1230	EOC testing	Bldg. 4314, 3rd floor
1300	Unit safety rep. meeting	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 227
1300	EO First Duty Station Part 2	Bldg. 4714, 3rd Floor
1430	SORTS meeting	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 105
1550-1615 Sign-out	1550--MXS 1600-CES, MSS, WG 1610--LG	

Know anyone who is looking for a recruiter?

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Master Sgt. Don Copeland
Tech. Sgt. Gary Johnson
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318-323-1898
Texarkana, Texas
Staff Sgt. Matt Lucas
903-223-7030

Shreveport, La.
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Tech. Sgt. TeNeuss Land
501-987-7188
Mesquite/Tyler, Texas
Tech. Sgt. Clark Fitzpatrick
972-681-6384/903-534-8618

If you are interested in becoming a recruiter, call Chief Master Sgt. Larry Woods, 917th Wing Recruiting at 318-456-9751.

SERVICES

Military Personnel Flight

Bldg. 6803, Room 140, ext. 9205

Saturday

7 - 11 a.m. - Newcomers in-processing.

11 a.m. - 4 p.m. - All customer service functions (open during lunch)

Sunday

7 - 8 a.m. - Closed for training.

8 a.m. - 2 p.m. - All customer service functions (open during lunch)

2:30 - 4 p.m. - Closed for training.

Monday - Friday

7 a.m. - 4 p.m. All service

Friday before the UTA

7 a.m. - 6 p.m. All service

NOTE: Customer Service functions include in & out processing, ID cards, DEERS, DD93s, SGLI, Vehicle Decals, Record Reviews, etc.

Base Billeting

Bldg. 5155, 456-3091/3092

Open 24 hours a day, seven days a week (reservations required).

Chaplain

Bldg. 6803, Room 239, 456-9179

Friday & Saturday - 7 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Chaplain DeVaul 208-8362

Chaplain Willis 208-8360

Red River Dining Hall

Bldg. 4631

Breakfast - 5:30 - 6:30 a.m.

Lunch MS - 11 - 1 47FS - 11:45

WG - 11 MSS - 11:45 93 BS - 11:15

CES - noon SFS - 12:15

NOTE: You must show ID card, newcomer's letter or DD form 1172.

Family Readiness

Bldg. 4713

Saturday & Sunday - 8 - 11 a.m.

Military drivers license

Military drivers license issue is available on the main UTA in Bldg. 6825, Rm. 240. Issue hours:

Saturday & Sunday noon - 2 p.m.

Lodging

For information on official or space "A" lodging call 1-888-AF-LODGE. Once the automated system answers, key in the first three letters of the base you are trying to reach.

Military Pay

Main UTA Schedule

Sat. 7 a.m. - 4 p.m., Sun. 1 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Gov. Credit Card Service

Bldg. 6803, Room 203, 456-9546

Mon.-Fri. 6 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Main UTA - 7 a.m. - 4 p.m. (Saturday only)

Military clothing issue

Wednesday 10 - 11:30 a.m.

Main UTA Saturday 10 a.m. - noon and 1 - 3 p.m.

917th Wing hosts Civic Leader Tour



The Civic Leader group gathers around a launch pad while touring Cape Canaveral Air Force Station, Fla. (Photo by Senior Airman Sherri Savant)



Mayor Lynn Mascagni, of Benton, signs the guest registry at the Air Force Space and Missile Museum. The 2002 917th Wing civic leaders toured Patrick AFB, Fla., Cape Canaveral and Kennedy Space Center in April. The tour familiarized the attendees with the mission of the Air Force and the Air Force Reserve. (Photo by Senior Airman Sherri Savant)



From left to right: Ray Urban, Urban Enterprises; Doug Rogers, Moreman, Moore, Inc., Agent/Broker; Larry Earhart, Pastor of Emmanuel Missionary Baptist Church; and John George, Executive Vice-President of Lifecare Management, take a moment and smile for the camera as they await the landing of the plane. (Photo by Master Sgt. Jessica D'Aurizio)

UTA Schedule

Main

May 4-5
June 8-9
July 13-14
Aug. 3-4
Sept. 7-8
Oct. 5-6
Nov. 2-3
Dec. 7-8
Jan. 4-5, 2003
Feb. 1-2
March 1-2
April 5-6

Alternate

May 18-19
No alternate
July 20-21
August 17-18
Sept. 21-22
Oct. 19-20
Nov. 16-17
No alternate
Jan. 11-12, 2003
Feb. 8-9
March 8-9
April 12-13

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